

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A method for the treatment of a disorder of the central nervous system (CNS) and/or the eye comprising administering to a subject a composition comprising a compound capable of modulating a target gene or gene product in a therapeutically effective amount, wherein said composition is administered outside the blood-brain and/or the blood-retina barriers.
2. (withdrawn) Use of a compound capable of modulating a target gene or gene product for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of a disorder of the central nervous system (CNS) and/or the eye, wherein said composition is designed to be applied outside the blood-brain and/or blood-retina barriers.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~or the use of claim 2~~, wherein the disorder is related to the eye.
4. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims claim 1 to 3~~, wherein said disorder is related to angiogenesis and/or neovascularization.
5. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims claim 1 to 4~~, wherein said disorder is related to the retinal pigment epithelium (RPE), neurosensory retina, AND/OR choriodea, and a combination thereof.
6. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims claim 1 to 5~~, wherein said disorder is wet age-related macular degeneration (AMD) or diabetic retinopathy.
7. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims claim 1 to 6~~, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is ~~designated to be effective in (and applied to)~~ the inner segment of the eye ball.
8. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims claim 1 to 7~~, wherein the composition is in a form designed to be applied outside the retinal region of the blood-retina barrier.

9. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 8, wherein said compound is an inhibitor/antagonist of said target gene or gene product.

10. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of~~ claim 9, wherein said antagonist/inhibitor inhibits the expression of a gene or the activity of a gene product involved in angiogenesis and/or neovascularization.

11. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of~~ claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein said antagonist/inhibitor is or is derived from an nucleic acid molecule, polypeptide, antibody, or a ligand binding molecule of said gene or gene product.

12. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims~~ claim 9 to 11, wherein said antagonist/inhibitor is a ribozyme, antisense or sense nucleic acid molecule to said gene or gene product.

13. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims~~ claim 9 to 12, wherein said antagonist/inhibitor substantially consists ~~OF~~ of ribonucleotides.

14. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of~~ claim ~~139~~, wherein said antagonist/inhibitor comprises ~~substantially a portion of double stranded oligoribonucleotides~~ (dsRNA).

15. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of~~ claim 14, wherein said dsRNA is between 21 and 23 nucleotides in length.

16. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of~~ claim 14 ~~or 15~~, wherein the dsRNA molecule contains a terminal 3'-hydroxyl group.

17. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims~~ claim 12 to 16, wherein the nucleic acid molecule represents an analogue of naturally occurring RNA.

18. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of~~ claim 17, wherein the nucleotide sequence of the nucleic acid molecule differs from the nucleotide sequence of said gene or gene product by addition, deletion, substitution or modification of one or more nucleotides.

19. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims 10 to 18~~ claim 1, wherein said gene or a cDNA thereof comprises a nucleotide sequence or encodes an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 4.

20. (currently amended) The ~~method or use of any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 19, wherein said compound is a nucleic acid molecule or encoded by a nucleic acid molecule and is designed to be expressed in cells of the CNS or eye.

21. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 20, wherein the composition is in a form designed to be introduced into the cells or tissue of the CNS or eye by a suitable carrier, characterized by the application occurring outside the blood-brain or blood-retina barriers.

22. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 21, wherein the composition is designed for systemic administration or for administration by iontophoresis.

23. (currently amended) The method ~~or use of any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 21, wherein the composition is designed for retrobulbar application or as eye drops.

Claims 24-91 (canceled)